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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/019,409

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Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicant now responds to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No.

10). A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 1-8.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 9.

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